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Candlelight Vespers Planned By Schools As Christmas Service

Plans have about been completed for the Christmas Vesper services at both the Seminary and Mt. Hermon school, which will be rendered on Sunday, Dec. 15. It is probable that the service will be given at Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel in the late afternoon and at Sage chapel on the Seminary campus in the evening. It is expected that a total of 125 students will form the processional and the choir will be composed of the Estey chorus of the Seminary and the Mt. Hermon church choir. The program will feature a portion of the oratorio, the Messiah by Handel, which pertains to the Christmas season, a number of folk songs, carols and hymns. Mr. Gallagher, the director has rehearsals under way in both schools and satisfactory progress is being made. The Sunday chosen is the last before the Christmas vacation. The service is a candlelight service and is very impressive, always attracting a large number of worshippers, beside the students and faculty members of both schools. A complete schedule and program will be published later.

Establish Experiment In A Co-operative

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott V. Fleckles at Mt. Hermon, a meeting was held last week of the members of the Franklin Co-operative, an association formed recently upon the lines of the well known Rochdale consumers co-operative. Members and friends who are interested, living in several nearby towns, have united and through a membership or stock fee will start a practical effort in the establishment of a Co-op grocery in Greenfield, on Wells street, near Silver street. The store will be operated on the self-service basis, with volunteer help now and later a paid manager, will be employed. Within recent years, local persons interested in the Co-op idea, including Miss West of the Putney school and Mr. Fleckles have spent much time studying the movement and observed its success in the Maritime provinces and in foreign countries, and each have reported their observations. This first store will be supplied and directed by the Eastern Co-op of New York City of which the Franklin store will be a member.

Mr. Barr Will Speak

The members of the Historical Society will be privileged to hear a talk on an interesting subject, by William A. Barr, at its next meeting which will be held at the Bronson Inn on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3. A chicken supper will be served followed by the election of directors for the year. President George A. Bronson will preside at the business session. Friends are to be invited to attend and hear the speaker. The directors of the society met at the home of Joseph R. Colton last Saturday evening.

Charles Otis Bruce

Charles Otis Bruce, 70, a selectman of the town of Gill for 26 years, and the most active man of his community, died last Friday morning at his home near Mt. Hermon. He was stricken while attending a dinner at Mt. Hermon school, Thursday evening, given for Daniel Van Valkenburg. Although he had not been in good health for a year, he had been able to continue his work at Mt. Hermon school. Mr. Bruce was born in Hartford, Vt., the son of Samuel and Isabel Bruce, Nov. 29, 1869. He came to school at Mt. Hermon in 1892 and was graduated in 1897. During this time he came to know Dwight L. Moody, the founder. He went to Oberlin planning to attend college, but his eyes gave out. In 1899 he returned to Mt. Hermon to be a painter, and remained as head of the paint crew until his death. He was married in 1903.

Mrs. Bruce, the former Blanche Whitman, of Maine, died 13 years ago. A daughter, Mrs. Francis Wiberg, resides at the family home, and a son, Charles, Jr., lives in Hartford, Ct. There also are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Mt. Hermon Memorial church of which he was a member Sunday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. Mr. Johnson officiating. The bearers were Percy Richmond, Earl Squires, Robert Ware, and Dr. A. H. Wright. Burial was in the family plot in North Gill cemetery.

"Ladies" Were Guests Of The Brotherhood Heard Political Talk

Over one hundred members and their guests sat down to dinner for Ladies Night of the Northfield Brotherhood in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening. Prof. Paul J. Williams of the Department of Bible and Religion at Mt. Holyoke college spoke on the topic, "Can Democracy Survive?" Daniel Bodley preside and introduced Mr. Williams.

Professor Williams began by stating that many in this country have the naive idea democracy will last forever. "We are living at the end of an epoch," "In this period of transition, we can expect a change, and in this change democracy may pass to something different."

If democracy in this country is to survive, there are a number of things we must all do. First, we must avoid getting into war. Then we must recognize that democracy has its limits and weaknesses. We must realize that in our democracy the average citizen is the governmental expert. We must get a better means of forming public opinion. We must widen the area in which democracy operates. A political democracy can not operate in the midst of an autocracy.

We must increase the rate of change in our country or else revolution instead of evolution will result. For example, we must find a solution of unemployment in some other way than by defense manufacture. Finally, if we love democracy, we must fight for civil liberties, even for the fellow with whom we disagree."

The address provided for a wide difference of opinion, but none challenged the remarks of the speaker.

It's Cold In Florida

We won't mention names, but a message from a Florida friend just received, says "it is cold in Florida, my thermometer at 7 a. m. registered only 27 degrees." "I am a squeler perhaps to let you know this fact, but it may make it easier for you, who are keeping the home fires burning." "My loyal Florida friends are assuring me that the cold won't last long" however. Well it's been rather cold too in Northfield. Its the irony of the seasons.

Good Story If True

The Boston Globe of last Tuesday, in its "Odd items from everywhere" publishes this, of local interest. Quote "Marion Rich of Northfield says that Howard Spaulding of the same town caught a skunk, which he keeps in his bedroom, and that so far neither of the roommates seem to have found the other offensive."

Let Thanks Be Said

Let thanks be said:
For bounteous land, and people fed,
For hills, and woods and fields of grain,
For sun and wind and showers of rain,
For daily bread.
Let thanks be said.

Let blessings rise:
For home and friends and family ties,
For freedom of the thought and voice,
Let every grateful heart rejoice,
Beneath free skies.
Let blessings rise.

Let us ask grace:
To face our problems, all our place,
To hold a reverence for the right,
Above all powers of pomp and might,
Give God first place.
Let us ask grace.
—Paula Gene Parkhurst

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Getting The News For Mother



It's Thanksgiving next Thursday, and Daddy will be home; brothers and sisters too. A family reunion. How grateful for all the blessings that flow.

Win WCTU Contest In Prize-Speaking

Under the auspices of the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a prize-speaking contest was held at Alexander hall, Wednesday afternoon, attended by nearly a hundred of our citizens. The participants were students of the high school and were directed by Miss Agnes Casey of the high school faculty. The judges were Miss Eva Freeman and Miss Lucy Titcomb of the Northfield seminary and Dr. Allen H. Wright. Members of the executive committee of the WCTU acted as hostesses and tea was served. The winners in the contest were Olive Fisher, first; Barbara Harris, second; Fay Warnock, third.

Farmers Almanac Appears For Sale

The new 1941 edition of the "Old Farmers Almanac" by Robert B. Thomas, makes its appearance for the 149th year. It will soon be found at all bookstores, from coast to coast, for sale. Edited by Mabel M. Swan of Brookline, it is published by the Yankee Press at Dublin, N. H. There are many and all kinds of almanacs but there is only one Old Farmers Almanac. It contains much valuable information and should be a handy reference book in all homes. Many copies are to be found in our homes here.

We Will Not Forget

Six years ago, on the 14th of September, a tragic event took place at Mt. Hermon school and the career of a citizen of this community of interest was abruptly ended. The problem still remains a mystery. In thoughtful remembrance, the "Hermontite" in its current issue, publishes a brief but illuminating biography of Dr. Elliott Speer, from which, as we read, we may take inspiration and appreciate, the life and work of him, who once dwelt among us.

No. 3 School Honors

The honor roll at No. 3 school follows: Joan Fisher, Eleanor Fisher and Francis Lyman, grade one; Janet Mankowsky, grade two; Phyllis Lyman, grade three; and Allen Field, grade four. Attendance for the first two months averaged 97.64 per cent.

Hermon School Victor In Cross Country Run

On Wednesday of last week the Mt. Hermon school cross country team met in competition with the team from the Stockbridge school at State College at Amherst and made almost a perfect score, only losing 3rd position in the six men finishing. Stevenson of Hermon, was first in 15 min. 24 sec. and was the fastest time made on the course this year. Hibbard of Stockbridge was third in finishing. Churchill of Hermon was 2nd, White of Hermon 4th, Owens of Hermon 5th, and Ravage of Hermon 6th. Other Hermon men finished as follows: Morrison 8th, Bryson 9th, Bukes 10th.

Speaks of Greece

C. C. Compton, Dean of the Boys' School at Anatolia college, Salonika, Greece, spoke to the assembly of Mt. Hermon school Wednesday noon. Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster, presided at the session. "The Greeks can hold off the enemy so long as the fighting takes place in the mountains," Mr. Compton said in his talk. "They are brave, patriotic, and skillful as individual fighters, but the country is lacking in the mechanical material necessary on a flat plain. In that kind of war, the enemy would very likely conquer. He spoke of Anatolia college, which is now closed as a school and used for relief service."

Center School Items

Book Week was the theme of a recent assembly under the direction of Miss Bralley at Center school. The fifth grade presented a playlet entitled "The Magic Bookcase," and the sixth grade one on the care of books. The seventh grade sang several songs about books and the eighth grade read quotations and riddles concerning books. At an earlier assembly, under the direction of Principal Walter Harding, an Armistice Day program was given. Mr. Barr was the guest speaker and his theme was the non-military achievements of some famous soldiers.

Valley Pomona Grange

At the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange held Wednesday evening of last week in the Northfield Grange hall, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Gilbert Ross of Montague, master; Eugene Turner, Bernardston, overseer; Anna B. Field, Guiding Star, lecturer; Francis Adams, Guiding Star, steward; Lewis Shine, Northfield, ass't steward; Nellie Nelson, Bernardston, chaplain; Dorothy L. Miller, Northfield, secretary; F. D. Jones, Guiding Star, treasurer; Ezekiel Wood, Guiding Star, gatekeeper; Ilene Ross, Montague, Pomona; Pauline Murray Montague, Pomona; Carroll H. Miller, Northfield, executive committee member for three years.

The local bowling team, who are playing in the County League are gradually climbing toward the top in position. Last week they played a tie game with Bernardston. The local players are Phillip Porter, Leonard Barnes, Charles Browning, Myron Dannah, Clinton Ware and Harry Gingras.

A World Situation Recalled By Resident After Reading Article

In the Readers Digest of July 1940, on page 101, is an abbreviated article, from the pen of Victor Hugo Boesen, written for the magazine. Oronot, describing in some detail the terrific eruption of the volcano, Krakatoa, in the Dutch Indies, on Aug. 6, 1883, which produced the loudest noise on earth, threw rocks miles into the air, covered the waters with pumice, and literally deluged the air, ever most of the world, with a dense fog of light dust. The writer speaks of how in many cities in New England, it created apprehension and amazement. Mrs. Nellie M. Wood of this town, was one of those who read the article when it appeared, and at once recounted from her mental diary, the event and time, and experiencing as a girl the peculiar sensation of the darkening and smothering dust. Without the conveniences for the dissemination of news at the time, the fact was beclouded in mystery, for some time, and then forgotten as it passed into history. Now that the story has been written, with complete details, the facts have become known, and perhaps, to others, like Mrs. Wood, they still recall the occurrence. If you have a copy of the Readers Digest, read the story, as mentioned, for you will find it very interesting. Perhaps too, if you lived in that period, you might also recall the event.

Sunday Services Hermon-Seminary

Dr. Charles R. Brown, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity school, will speak at both services in Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel on Sunday, Nov. 24. The morning worship service is at 10:30 and vespers are at 5:30.

At Northfield seminary, Dr. Allen Knight Chalmers of the Broadway Tabernacle church in New York City, will address the students at the 11 a. m. service. A special service of music will take place in Sage chapel at 8 p. m. when Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Spencer of Wellesley will play English Handbells. Dr. and Mrs. Spencer were in Northfield last weekend for a rehearsal with Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ivory and a group of seminary students who will assist them in the service.

Needs A New Car Now

A special communication from a friend in Florida states that George MacMillan will need a new car. The reason—his fine automobile in which he and his wife traveled to Florida, was fully destroyed in a fire, which burned down the garage in which it was housed. They are located some 2 miles from Orlando, in a home rented for the winter stay, and before the fire department could reach the place, the destruction was complete of the garage and its contents.

A Philosophy of Life MY PRAYER

Dear Lord, I do not pray for wealth of gems or gold,
Just give me strength to carry on,
That when my work is done and story told,
The world can truly say, "A friend is gone."

Though dark the night, and storms may fill the air,
And life seems hardly worth the fight,
I'll work 'til I am called from over there,
And ask that I may hold for Thee, a light.

Lord, give me light that I may show for Thee,
Beauty, others pass without a thought,
So friends with mortal eyes may see
The world is full of wonders Thou has wrought.

I thank Thee, Lord, for all these friends of mine,
Who greet me as a friend they love to know,
Make their lives brighter and their lights to shine,
So all will miss them when they are called to go.

The above lines were written by Gilbert E. Lame of West Peabody, who at 80 years of age, is retired by the Boston and Maine railroad as a crossing tender. This poem is an expression of his philosophy of life, written before his cabin, as he saluted the passing traffic.

We Owe The State In Tax Settlement Have Been Advised

This is the time of year when the state, through its treasurer, makes the annual financial statement and settlement with the many cities and towns throughout the state. The total amount of monies involved runs into the millions of dollars. The state will turn over to the communities \$8,490,587.49 representing largely their share of taxes imposed by the commonwealth, while the towns will pay to the commonwealth \$17,477,922.87, representing the assessments for the state tax and costs of local services which have been paid by the state. Sixty-three western Massachusetts towns and cities will owe the commonwealth under the settlement, while thirty eight will receive a sum from the state. Northfield does not have a credit and must therefore pay the state the sum of \$1536, for this year. Only seven of the towns of Franklin county will receive a dividend, and all the others must pay. State Treasurer William E. Hurley issued his statement this week and has advised the proper authorities in all communities.

Congregational Church Notices For The Week

Sunday school meets a 10 a. m. Sunday with classes and an invitation for all; Morning worship at 11, the minister, Rev. John C. Wightman of Florence; C. E. meet at 7; The evening service at 8 will be in charge of the young men and women of the church.

Tuesday at 3 the Bible class meets with Mrs. W. H. Giebel as leader at the home of Mrs. J. R. Colton.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, there will be a service held at 10 a. m. at the church. The minister will be Rev. Robert Bonner Jack and all are invited.

There will be a special business meeting of the church Monday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p. m.

Hear of Foreign Affairs

Members of the Fortnightly, privileged to bring a "guest" with them, gathered at Alexander hall last Friday afternoon to hear an address on "Foreign affairs" by Prof. Harold R. Bruce of the department of political science of Dartmouth college. Mrs. Ray Thompson, the president introduced the speaker, who gave a most interesting and illuminating interpretation of the situation in Europe with the various warring nations. He stressed the necessity of aid and plenty of it to Britain and of America prepared for any eventuality. The meeting enjoyed singing together and Rev. Benjamin F. White of the South Vernon church rendered a baritone horn solo. Mrs. N. P. Wood, who was the first president of the Fortnightly was unanimously elected an honorary member. The tea hostesses were Mrs. A. F. Bennett, Mrs. Fred A. Holton, Mrs. Fred Pallam and Mrs. Lena Moore.

The Dec. 6 meeting of the Fortnightly will feature a talk on "Current Books" by Mrs. George Davis of Deerfield. The tea hostesses will be Mrs. George Thompson, Miss Maud Hamilton and Mrs. Reuben Rikert.

The Drummond Circle

The Henry Drummond Circle of Mt. Hermon school will open its season this Friday night at the Social hall, when George Hanna, teacher of English and History, gives a talk on the Herald-Tribune's Forum, "America's Second Fight for Freedom." Nelson A. Jackson will give a review of Duncan Aikman's "The All American Front" on Dec. 6. The Drummond Circle committee is made up of John D. Bassett, Nelson A. Jackson, Arthur D. Platt, and Harold I. Wyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abbey of Warwick road have returned from a weeks vacation spent with relatives and friends in Hartford, Worcester and Boston.

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Local Legion Post Shares Defense Plans Airplane Observance

The local American Legion post will share in the national defense by the locating of airplane observation stations, hereabouts, to detect "enemy" airplanes should they ever appear. The system is being set up throughout New England by the U. S. Air Defense, with headquarters at Mitchell field in New York. New England is to be a test sector and on January 10 the 20th and 28th the U. S. Army will send formations of planes, flying about New England, and when seen by any observation post, the fact and description is to be phoned to a central headquarters.

The army has decided not to wait until war gets closer, to get into the swing of watching out for enemy airplanes, so it has set up a great organization in the air service, to cover first New England and later the whole country. All the actual observation post work will be voluntary and unpaid by men and women who want to do their bit. The American Legion has agreed to cooperate, so the adjutants of the hundreds of Legion posts in New England are acting as local organizers.

When the observer hears or sees an "enemy" plane formation, he makes a hasty observation, and without waiting to be accurate, he telephones to the army airfield, by a special emergency phone arrangement. He tells where he saw the planes or heard them, how many he guesses there are, what was the time, the type, the altitude, and the direction they were going, and so forth.

At the army airfield all these reports flowing in from all over New England should, if the scheme works right, give them a perfect picture of the course of any enemy formation and enable them to send warnings ahead.

Each one of the observation posts will have code names and figures, in order to simplify the phoning and the plotting of the enemy course.

The task of organizing the Northfield, Warwick and Bernardston area are in charge of Emory Rikert, Northfield; Almon Flagg, Bernardston; Dr. Richard G. Holton, Northfield; Lee Dresser, Warwick and Capt. William Marshall, Northfield, chief observer. The exact locations of the test stations have not yet been decided.

Crossnore Greetings And Much Appreciation

In a letter from Crossnore, Inc., "a home for mountain children," appreciation is voiced in the receipt of the three boxes of clothing and other things from Northfield friends. These boxes have been going along for some eight years through the efforts of Mrs. Hoehn, and several of our citizens have visited the institution when touring through the south. Rev. Mary Andrews Conner called there on her way south and was much pleased by her visit. A portion of the letter will be of interest to all who contributed to the shipment.

"November greetings from Crossnore! And thank you so much for the three boxes which you sent us by freight. We are so glad to have all these things you sent us. We do need all kinds of clothing and supplies for our school and we are so grateful to you for remembering us."

Our grocery bills are higher this year than last, because we do not have enough clothes to trade for food and so we must buy a large part of the groceries with cash. Since the two floods we had in August, our nearby neighbors have no produce to bring us. And we have more than 200 to feed and so it has increased the cost of living. If we have a large supply of clothes on hand those further away whose gardens have not been destroyed will hear about it and will bring produce, to buy from the supply of clothes. So beg everybody to send us all they can find and don't forget the scholars' shoes and money gifts."

Draft Associate Advisers

Associate advisers for draft registrants have been appointed for Northfield by Judge R. H. P. Jacobus, chairman of the advisory board, serving under the draft committee, with headquarters at Turners Falls for this district. Frank Montague, Samuel Walker, A. Gordon Moody, Frank Zobert, Harry Gingras, Carl L. Mason, George McEwan.

Other groups in the eastern district will be established in New Salem, Orange, Turners Falls, Warwick, Millers Falls, Erving, Sunderland, and Bernardston.

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Red Oak
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Bobolink
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Song Sparrow
Wood Duck

(Signed)

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Cut out this Ballot and Mail to Editor Northfield (Mass.) Press.

4-H COOKING WINS



MASSACHUSETTS delegation to the 19th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 19-Dec. 1 includes Muriel Bailey, 18, of Attleboro, who was chosen for outstanding work in food preparation. . . . During seven years, State Club Leader G. L. Farley announces she has won 48 prizes in county and state exhibits. A member of the second place dairy demonstration team in the 1939 contest, she has since led a club of eight girls who received excellent awards in foods at their county achievement day. Two years ago Muriel was awarded the Golden Eaglet, highest honor given girl scouts. . . . As state winner she is awarded an all-expense trip to Chicago by Marvel Inn, which also provides six \$200 scholarships for national winners. This is the sixth year of the contest, which is conducted in cooperation with the extension service.

LEGAL

The
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northfield
Office of the Collector of Taxes
November 22, 1940

TO THE OWNERS OF THE
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS, AND TO
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED.

You are hereby notified that on Friday, the 6th day of December, 1940, at 1 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Northfield the following parcels of land for non-payment, after demand, of the taxes thereon, with interest and all necessary intervening charges, or any unpaid balance of said taxes, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Dwight L. Aldrich, Estate

A certain parcel of land containing 10 acres, more or less, situated west of the Connecticut River, and adjoining land, formerly of Gratia Adams and Roswell Holton. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 526, Page 115.

1938 tax \$1.60.

1939 tax \$1.85.

Ethel Edwards

A certain parcel of land containing 1/4 acre, more or less, known as lot 45 on Rustic Ridge with buildings thereon. Also, a tract about 35 feet wide adjoining the above lot. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 796, Page 25.

1937 tax \$27.00

1938 tax \$24.00

1939 tax \$27.75

William M. Hilliard

A certain parcel of land containing about 16 acres with buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of the road leading from South Vernon to Mount Hermon station and adjoining the estate now or formerly of Irving J. Lawrence. The same being described at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 671, Page 263.

1938 tax \$30.40

1939 tax \$35.15

Nellie A. Joslin

A certain parcel of land containing 1/4 acre, known as lots 47, 31, and 1/2 of 89 on Rustic Ridge, and buildings thereon. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 825, Page 246.

Balance of 1938 \$10.43

1939 \$29.12

Harry A. Lewis

A certain parcel of land containing about 1/4 acre, situated on the southwest corner of Main and Pine streets, with buildings thereon. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 671, Page 236.

A certain parcel of land containing 1/4 acre, more or less, with buildings thereon, situated on the east side of Moody street, and adjoining land, now or formerly of the Northfield Schools. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 678, Page 179.

1938 tax \$214.40.

1939 tax \$261.40

CHARLES F. SLATE,
Collector of Taxes
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TOWN TOPICS

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is holding its annual meeting in Worcester today and several members of the Franklin County Farm Bureau will be in attendance, including some from Northfield.

Local Republicans are interested in the statement recently made, that Wendell Wilkie, the Republican candidate for president, defeated in the recent election, may be invited to become president of the University of Vermont.

Postmasters M. C. Skilton of East Northfield and Charles Streeter of Mt. Hermon attended the dinner last Saturday of the dedication of the new post office building in Greenfield.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be on Friday, Dec. 6 at Alexander hall when Mrs. Geo. Davis of Deerfield will speak in "current books."

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright observed their 31st wedding anniversary last week Saturday. They were the recipients of many greetings.

H. W. Doremus who has been at his cottage on Rustic Ridge, since early summer, although taking various sojourns elsewhere at intervals, has returned to his home in New York City.

The flow of the Connecticut river reached a peak after the rains of last week, but since has steadily declined, according to measurements at the Turners Falls dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Santa Fournier, who have been visiting Mrs. Nellie M. Wood, her grandmother, left last Saturday for Montreal and took ship on Wednesday for Jamaica, where they will remain for the duration of the war. Mr. Fournier's home and business is in Malta, now within the battle area.

Last official figures gives Brattleboro, a population of 10,983. Anyway it does show a gain over the last census figures.

The First Congregational church of Hinsdale, has extended a call to the Rev. Howard Hood of Chester, Mass., to become its pastor, effective on Jan. 1.

The Presidents club of the 15th district of the State Federation of Women's clubs held a luncheon at the Mansion House in Greenfield last Saturday. Those from Northfield in attendance were Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mrs. F. H. Montague, Mrs. A. H. Wright and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed.

The Massachusetts Press Association will conduct a historical exhibition in connection with the 500th anniversary of printing at the Statler hotel in Boston this weekend. Copies of the Northfield Press will be included in the display of weekly papers of the state.

A call has been posted for the annual meeting of the Dry Swamp Acqueduct Co. at the home of Charles C. Stearns, who is the clerk of the corporation, on Monday evening, Nov. 25 at 7:30. Officers are to be chosen and important business transacted.

Notices of civil service examinations are being posted almost daily in the lobbies of our post offices, and those who are interested in securing positions with the government in its various departments, should consult them for information.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows and son Richard spent last week end with her parents at Lebanon, N. H. They also enjoyed the Dartmouth football game.

The Unitarian church will have its usual services on Sunday. On Saturday evening the members will have a supper six o'clock and there will be a kitchen shower.

Harry Gingras struck and killed a deer Wednesday night on the Farm road near the Irving line. Game Warden Mathews was notified. The car was not damaged.

We Are Ready For Christmas Grand Opening Saturday

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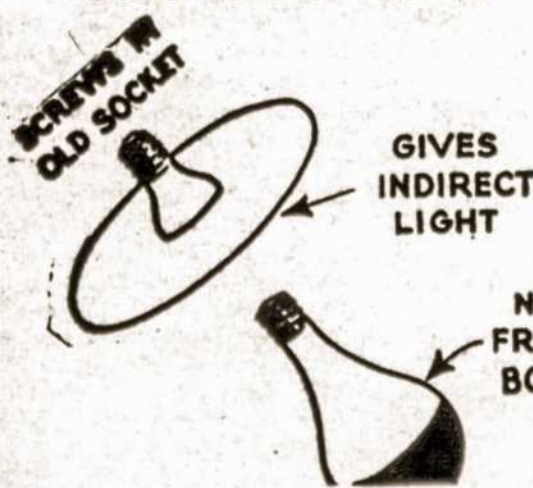
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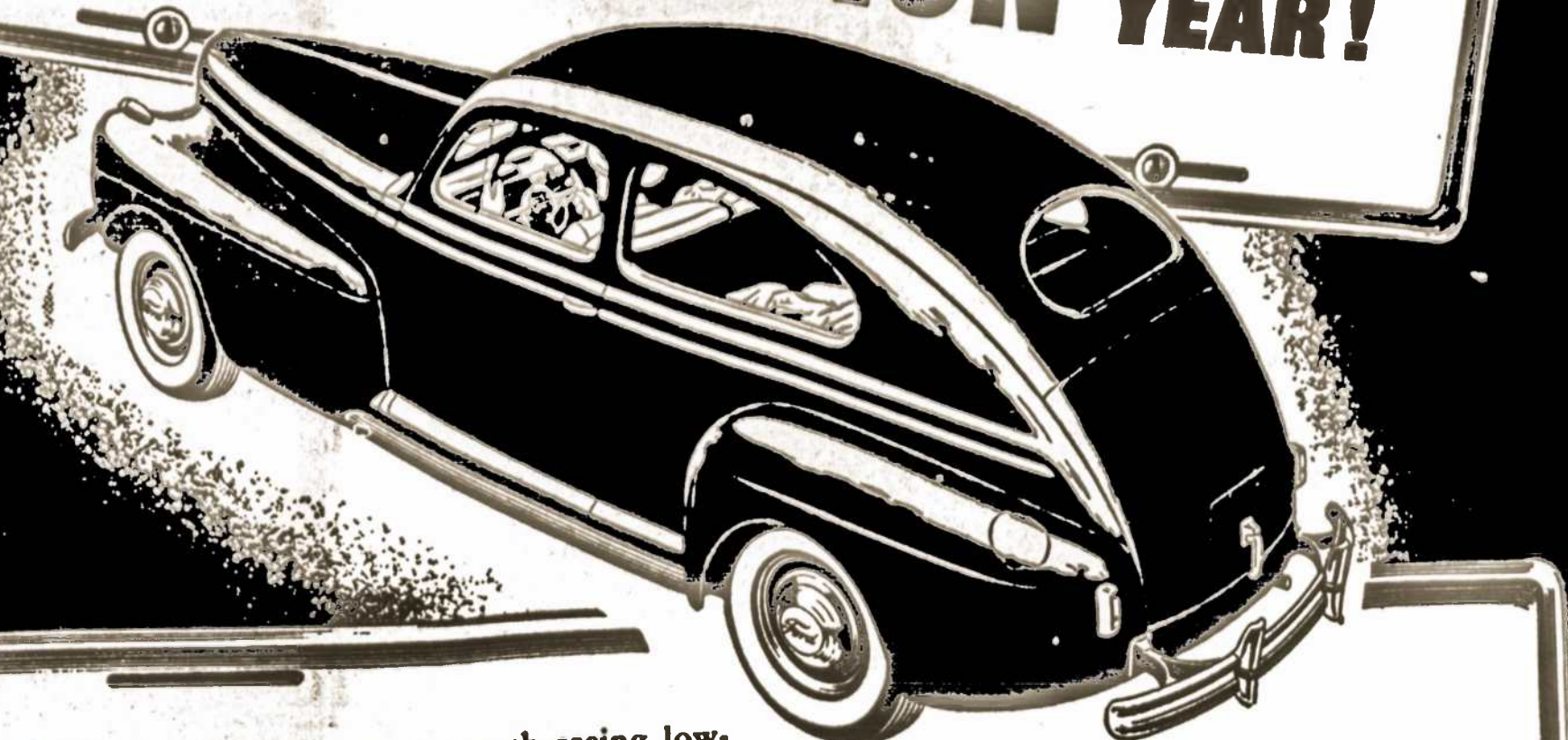
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TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Skinner of Warwick avenue have spent the past week on a motor trip to Washington and other points nearby. They visited Atlantic City on the return trip.

A public card party will be held at the Masonic hall by the Order of the Eastern Star on Monday evening.

Members of the local fire department were called out for two fires on Wednesday. One near the Vernon underpass and the other in West Northfield. They were slight fires and no damage resulted.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean attended the New England Post-graduate assembly in Cambridge last week, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Amos P. Field leave the first of the week, to spend the winter at their home in Orlando, Fla.

Thomas Eastman of Mt. Hermon is one of the first three draftees from the Montague district to be taken into the army service. He visited his parents in Slatersville, R. I. the first of this week before his induction to the ranks.

Frederick M. White of Putney, who formerly resided here and was Master of the local Grange, has been chosen as the new Master of the Putney Grange. Mrs. White will be lady assistant steward.

Northfield Grange holds a regular meeting next Tuesday evening and members will contribute to the program.

An error in a news report needs correction. In an account of the election at the Northfield Grange last week, it should have been stated that Mrs. Bertha Rikert was chosen lecturer and Mrs. Marion Rich, chaplain.

The November meeting of the Girl Scout Council committee was held at the home of Mrs. Marshall Lanphear Monday evening. Among things which were discussed were plans for the annual Girl Scout dance to be held during Christmas

week. Definite committees will be announced as soon as they are formed.

On Wednesday evening, the Young People's Forum group held their monthly social in the Congregational church vestry. A good attendance turned out and everybody had a good time.

This coming Sunday evening the Young People are sponsoring Rev. Gordon Thompson of Greenfield at the 8 o'clock service at the Congregational church. Rev. Thompson is the new minister at the church where Rev. William Anderson was pastor for so long. It is hoped that many people, young and old will come out Sunday evening to the meeting.

Brainard A. Willey of this town was among the first prize winners for his showing of bantams, at the annual exhibition of the New England Poultry association held in Greenfield this week.

Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge of Highland avenue, who has been visiting her daughter in Springfield for several weeks, left yesterday to spend the winter at Dade City, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Whitman of Highland avenue are visiting relatives this week in Hartford and Mrs. Whitman is spending a few days with her former classmate, Mrs. Eugene Walker of West Hartford.

Rev. T. F. Cooper of St. James Episcopal church of Greenfield was in town this week to visit local members of the church and parish.

A group of members of the Unitarian church went to West Brattleboro last Sunday afternoon to greet their minister, Rev. Raymond H. Palmer at his home.

A letter received from Spurgeon Gage says the cold weather in Florida was brief and did no damage to citrus fruit. His crop of oranges and grapefruit was not harmed and he is able to make shipments as per his advertisement in this issue.

A son was born last Friday, the 15th, at the Sturdy hospital, Attleboro, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruggles of Franklin. Mrs. Ruggles was the former Miriam Bolton,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton of this town.

Commissioner Cummings of Greenfield was the guest of the Boy Scouts at their meeting Monday evening. He checked on the progress of their scout work and tests. Scoutmaster Harding directed the playing of the game period.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan have moved from South Vernon into their new home on the Winchester highway.

Mrs. Leon R. Alexander has gone to South Vernon to spend the winter with Mrs. Clara Pratt. A troupe hike for the local Boy Scouts is announced for Saturday morning at 10. They will hike to their cabin on Ashuelot hill. They will meet at Bufums store. After spending the day in scout activities they will return in the early evening.

Rev. Walter deVelder of Amoy, China, who spent the summer here on Rustic Ridge at the home of Mrs. Francis Otte is reported to be ill at Neshanic, N. J. where they both are spending the winter with relatives.

The Evening Auxiliary meets with Miss Alice Munde and Miss Edna Cullen at their home on Highland avenue this Friday evening.

West Northfield and South Vernon

Rev. B. F. White, pastor, will speak Sunday at the morning service at 10:30 at the South Vernon church. Sunday school at 11:45. "Thanksgiving" will be the topic of the Loyal Workers meeting at 6:30 with Alma Dunklee as leader. Mrs. White will be the speaker at the evening service at 7:30.

The Ladies Mission society will hold a sale of Christmas articles and an entertainment at the Vernon Home Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p. m.

The junior choir will practice Saturday at 2:30 after which the junior mission society will distribute articles for Thanksgiving.

There was a record attendance of 70 last Sunday at Sunday School. The Blues are leading with a score of 99 to 92 for the Reds.

Theodore Darby Jr. of Uncasville, Ct. is spending a few days with Richard Harris.

Vernon Grange will meet next Wednesday evening. There will be a Thanksgiving program.

The South school P. T. A. held a social Tuesday evening at the schoolhouse. Mrs. Emery Evans of Guilford, Vt., showed movies of the trip across the United States. A musical program followed. The next meeting will be

held Dec. 3, with Bessie Dunklee in charge.

Deer hunting season in Vermont opened Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes and daughters, Eleanor and Marguerite spent Sunday with their son Harold and family in Orange.

Ernest W. Dunklee of South Vernon was reelected for a third term as Master of Windham County Pomona Grange.

The new junior choir of the South Vernon church sang at the morning service, Sunday. There were 20 young people present in the choir.

Raymond Gould has been engaged as janitor of the South Vernon church.

Walter Farley and family have moved from Mrs. Fred Allen's home to Maple street, Northfield.

Mrs. A. H. Farnum spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Miss Dorothy Wilder, in Newfane, Vt.

Mr. Leroy R. Barnes has captured several first and other place prizes for showing of his leghorns

in the New England Poultry exhibition at Greenfield this week. With Mrs. Barnes he attended the annual dinner of the association.

Mrs. George E. Tyler left Saturday to spend the winter with her son, Percy, and family, in Cortland, N. Y.

The local committee for the Red Cross in Vernon has begun its annual membership drive.

A. G. Barnes of Vernon has returned to his winter home in Deland, Fla. Mr. Barnes, who is 82 years old, made the trip alone.

There will be a bazaar at the Vernon Grange hall this Friday evening for the benefit of the Vernon Union church and the Parent-Teachers associations.

The Vernon church Ladies Circle have ended their series of public suppers this season. They are meeting weekly at the home of members.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Higgins of Conway, are now occupying the house they bought of Mrs. Porter.

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It will be the task of the historians of the future, with all the evidence at their disposal and with the passions of the campaign dissipated by time, to weigh and evaluate the factors that led to the reelection of President Roosevelt for a tradition-shattering third term. For us, as American citizens, our duty is crystal clear. It is to vigorously support the President whenever we believe him to be right, whatever our party affiliation, and to oppose him on principle, without bitterness or rancor, when we believe him to be wrong. That is the way democracy can and will be preserved. A healthy, free minority is vital to our system of government.

On November 5, the people bestowed on the President an honor given to no other Chief Executive in our history. And on that day, the President accepted his gravest responsibility. He and the Congress are confronted by problems and obligations of an importance which is without precedent since the Civil War. In his appeal to the people for a third term, he said, time and again, that he will make us strong, that he will keep us at peace, that he will preserve the American way. All Americans look forward to the consummation of that program.

The opposition party need feel no regrets. Wendell Willkie made a gallant campaign, and he fought a good fight. Tens of millions of our citizens voluntarily enlisted under his standard and voted for him because of the principles he stood for. He cemented together that intelligent, responsible opposition which is so essential to democratic government. He will remain a force to be reckoned with in American life.

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The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

Dear Folks. No matter how old you get, you always find something new.

What I had in mind was this—that the Mexican bean beetle does not bother soybeans. Of course, I've known for a long time that the soybeans were being developed as a human food as well as a cattle food, but it was the first time I had ever known that the Mexican bean beetle disliked this particular member of the garden family.

Bill Lachman asked me one day last summer why I never tried soybeans in my garden, or never suggested them to you folks. I didn't give the idea much thought until I found out about the bean beetle idea.

According to authorities, soybeans really make wonderful food. They have little or no starch, but are very high in protein and calcium, and they can be used as green beans or can be dried and boiled or baked as you would lima, etc.

In using them as green beans, they tell me that you have difficulty in getting the beans out of the pod unless you blanch them. This is done by simply putting them in a pan and pouring boiling water on them. In just a minute or two they'll pop right out of the shell. Without this blanching, it would be somewhat of a job to get a good mess for dinner.

In studying up on this soybean idea, I was quite surprised at the unusual things for which soybeans are used. The dried beans are even used for coffee substitutes and of course soybean oil has numerous uses in the industrial field.

I got hold of a bulletin on a study of soybean varieties with reference to use as food. This was done out in Illinois and the experimental work has extended over several years. They tested out as many as 450 varieties, and like other vegetables the taste and texture vary considerably with the variety.

They finally selected six varieties as having special merit, and according to the author of the bulletin any of these might be acceptable for table use. The six varieties which they listed are Funk Delicious, Hokkaido, Imperial, Jogun, Willomi, and F. P. I. 97115. That last one simply hasn't been given a popular name. In fact most of the varieties still go by numbers. But any one of these six is very good when it comes to palatability and they likewise have very good field scores. By that they mean principally good yields.

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